February 28, 1986

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Southeast Region
From: Superintendent, Ocmulgee National Monument
Subject: Annual Reports of Superintendents
       Reply Due: March 7, 1986

Enclosed is the original and a duplicate of Superintendent, Ocmulgee National Monument's Annual Report for Calendar Year 1985. If you have questions, please call me at FTS# 238-0248.

Sibbald Smith

Enclosures
ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel Actions:

-Two seasonal separations; one career-conditional appointment; three seasonal appointments; one career conversion; and one VRA appointment.

Training:

Following is number of employees attending training during 1985 and name of course attended:

1 - Administrative Technician Workshop
1 - PAYPERS Workshop
3 - Computer Training
1 - Contracting Warrant Refresher Course
2 - PAYPERS Computer Training
1 - Basic Law Enforcement
1 - Museum Recordkeeping
2 - Orientation to NPS Operations
2 - Maintenance Operations Training
1 - Firefighting Training
1 - Interpretive Skills I
1 - Car Clouting Workshop
3 - Law Enforcement Refresher

Budget and Finance (FY 1985):

-ONPS............$383,300
-Cyclic............$ 58,800
-Quarters........$ 6,100

Special Achievement Awards:

-Five cash awards

Equal Employment Opportunity:

-No complaints were filed during 1985

-Recruited at career days at several high schools and colleges

VISITATION:

-The park was visited by a record number of over 198,000 people during CY 1985.
The public spent 122,927 hours in the Museum/Visitor Center.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Public Lands Day Pilot Project:

- Public Lands Day Steering Committee, directed by the Macon-Bibb County Clean Community and Energy Commission, organized a celebration on September 8th which resulted in a one-day record number of visitors (over 2,000) in the park. The program featured the Robins AFB Band, a local high school band and color guard. Speakers were the Mayor, City of Macon, Chairman of the Bibb County Board of Commissioners, the 8th District U.S. Congressman and an NPS representative from Washington, D.C. Coca Cola Company and Borden Dairy provided refreshments.

- Four committees (Environment, Education, Safety and Transportation, and Promotions) were active throughout the year, especially the Education Committee which adopted the Discovery Lab as one of its projects. This committee also conducted a poster contest in the high schools to develop a Public Lands Day logo.

- The Superintendent was invited to Washington, D.C. to speak at the Keep America Beautiful nationwide convention concerning Public Lands Day activities and accomplishments.

Discovery Lab:

- Staff conducted a workshop for twenty-seven Bibb County teachers who received certification credit to develop curriculum-compatible activities for the Lab.

- Funds in the amount of $2,835 have been donated by the community for construction of furnishings and exhibits.

- Mercer University professor donated an insect collection.

- Dedication plans made for May 4, 1986.

Other Organizations:

- Superintendent is an active member or on the Board of Directors of the following organizations:

  Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau
  Middle Georgia Historical Society ("The Group")
  Macon-Bibb County Clean Community and Energy Commission
  Middle Georgia Boy Scout Council
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY (1986):

- Organized a Steering Committee consisting of local leaders.
- Planned a Calendar of Events with an educational, historic theme, including seven major events throughout the year.
- Planned and organized a kickoff press conference for January 18th.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

- Compiled, developed and edited an Administrative History of the park (now ready for printing) utilizing a history student from the University of Georgia.

STATEMENT FOR MANAGEMENT:

- Revised and updated the Statement for Management.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Interpretive activities included 32 events (films, Native Americans craft demonstration, lectures, nature walks, etc.) on weekends throughout the year.
- Visitors spent 6,191 hours at these programs.
- Torchlight Walks developed and implemented for the first time permitting visitors to view the mounds at night. Public reaction was overwhelming.

COOPERATING ASSOCIATION:

- The Association opened a new gift shop in March 1985 with a larger variety of Native American arts and crafts, and an expanded book section.
- Employed a part-time business manager for the first time in the organization's history.

- Gross receipts ........... $26,887.93

- Direct Financial Aid To Park:
  
  Materials, etc ........ $1,500.00
  Library Books .......... 388.00
  Calendar of Events .... 3,918.69

  Park's Total Assistance .... $5,806.69
VOLUNTEERS IN PARK PROGRAM:
- Intern completed research and compilation of park's Administrative History.
- Twenty-seven Bibb County teachers donated at least 80 hours each toward developing activities for the Discovery Lab.
- Seventy-one individuals assisted with projects in all divisions, including research, planning, tours, sign inventory, Visitor Center contact station, Calendar of Events, resource management, trail and grounds maintenance, litter pickup, etc.
- Total hours donated FY 1985...2,878.5
- Employee hours required to implement and supervise program....324

SPECIAL POPULATIONS:
- Sign language interpretation was made available by park staff in order to communicate with deaf employee

BUILDINGS:
- Contract let to install new roof on Visitor Center in September 1985 with severe damage to interior of building and exhibits caused by contractor's negligence (necessitated temporary closing of Visitor Center during October).
- Reroofed Quarters #1 (Historic Building) and Quarters #2.

GROUNDS:
- Aerated, fertilized and seeded 28 acres of established lawns.
- Removed all hazardous trees (approximately 15).
- Controlled fireants in developed areas using steam and hot water.
- Completed boundary survey and installed markers on NW portion of park.

EQUIPMENT:
- Solar system Rankine engine broke down in August requiring major repairs. Decision reached to operate solar system without Rankine engine due to the high cost for repair.
OTHER PROJECTS:

- State Capitol Fair exhibit developed.
- Conducted special demonstrations and exhibits during Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival.
- Updated Statement for Interpretation.
- Updated Cultural and Natural Resource Management Plans in conjunction with Regional Plan.
- Hosted special NPS traveling exhibit.
- Conducted a summer YCC Program with 6 enrollees and 3 three major projects.
- Southern Railroad responded to renovation needs of Historic Underpass and performed maintenance not up to standards for a resource of this caliber. Park management notified SHPO of findings.
- Cooperated with Forest Service on Gypsy Moth monitoring.
- Cooperated with Georgia Forestry on Pine Beetle monitoring.
- Cooperated with Georgia Department of Natural Resources in monitoring water of streams and tributaries.
- Attempted to set up cooperative agreement with Georgia Forestry for Kudzu eradication.
- Requested revision of General Management Plan (through OPR) to address concerns regarding the U.S. 80 Connector/Fall Line Freeway which will be built between the Main Unit and the Lamar Unit.
- No major safety infractions occurred during CY 1985.
- 106 Compliance requested and approved for one project (new trail and bridges).
- No major law enforcement incidents; few minor incidents and vandalism.
- Many requests received from public for visits to Lamar site. Most were declined due to poor access to the unit.
- Georgia DOT approved partial sign request and erected a new directional sign to the park.
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The enclosed memorandum from Director Mott is a reminder of the Annual Reports of Superintendents are due in Washington, March 15. They should reach the Regional Office by Friday, March 7, to allow review and transmittal to the Washington Office.

Please send these reports in duplicate.
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To: All Regional Directors

From: Director

Subject: Annual Reports of Superintendents and Regional Directors

This is a reminder that the subject reports for 1985 are due in this office by March 15. They should be forwarded by superintendents to the regional offices so that all reports may be sent to WASO together. Because the reports must eventually be retired to the National Archives, please provide duplicate copies for us to give the National Park Service History Collection at Harpers Ferry.

These reports have immediate informational value to regional and WASO management and long-term value for administrative history purposes. To be most useful, they should focus on the most consequential concerns, problems, events, and decisions affecting park management during the year. Extensive research in preparation should not be necessary.

Reports for smaller parks need not be more than a page or two in length. Superintendents wishing to provide more detail may do so, of course, and you may wish to specify particular subjects to be addressed.